

Edmund Pendleton Gaines to Andrew Jackson, December 12, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL EDMUND P. GAINES TO JACKSON.

Augusta, Ga. , December 12, 1815.

General, I have the honor to inform you that I have completed that part of the Indian Boundary Line runing due east from the Chattahouchie river.¹

1 Dec. 1, 1815, Colonel Hawkins wrote to Jackson as follows: "The Indians assembled at the confluence of Flint and Chattochocha with the view of ascertaining their strength and trying ours. but from the importunity of the friendly Indians and prudential motives finding us nearly 800 strong, they agreed the line might go on, and they would not molest us declaring at the same time, an attempt to run out and settle the lands should be resisted with all their force."

This Line intersects the old Indian Line two and a half miles south of the Altamaha, near the mouth of Goose creek.

distance from Chattahouchie 184 miles

" from Flint river 124 "

Leaving a narrow stripe of land between the Line and the River, of 60 miles in length and little more than 10 miles wide.

Colonel Hawkins² and Colonel Barnet being both sick, and having been thereby compelled to quit the line, I have sent to General Coffee the commission forwarded to me

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for him, and, without much additional expense of subsisting and transporting troops in the wilderness, I hope to have it in my power soon to inform you that the whole of the line is completed.

2 Colonel Hawkins was taken ill September 24 and seems to have taken no part in the actual running of the line.

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